I'VE COME TO REQUEST A SEARCH FOR A CAT...
A CAT...

第二幕
幕末恋華
花柳剣士伝
ばくまつれんかかりゅうけんしでん

IF IT IS NAKAMURA-SAN'S REQUEST THEN THERE MUST BE MORE TO IT THAN JUST A CAT SEARCH
HM... YOU HAVE A KEEN SENSE
THE CAT THAT RAN AWAY WAS THE PET OF A VERY POWERFUL SAMURAI FAMILY'S DAUGHTER...
IT WAS A GIFT GIVEN TO THEM BY THE CLAN'S LEADER'S WIFE
HM... I'VE RECENTLY HEARD OF SOMETHING
THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN A SMALL FIGHT BETWEEN THOSE WITH POWER IN THE SATSUMA CLAN...
ANY POSSIBILITY THAT THEY ARE RELATED?
GOOD LISTENER AS ALWAYS

I LEAVE THIS MATTER IN YOUR HANDS
THERE AREN'T MANY PUREBRED CATS AROUND HERE, SO THAT SHOULD HELP
BECAUSE OF THAT POSSIBILTY, I CAME HERE
IT'LL ALL BECOME CLEAR ONCE THE CAT IS FOUND
THERE IS ALWAYS MORE TO NAKAMURA -SAN'S REQUEST THAN IT SEEMS
..AH LIKE WHEN HE REQUESTED THE SEARCH FOR YAHEI-KUN...
YAHEI-SAN ENDED UP JOINING THE SHINSENGUMI BUT...
I WONDER IF HE IS DOING WELL
WE ARE THE FOLLOWERS OF THE MARTIAL ARTS DOJO "KARYUUKAN"...

THE OTHER FREELOADER, TATSUMI-SAN
HE'S CURRENTLY ON A BODYGUARD MISSION
SOUMA HAJIME-SAN, THE FREELOADER
IORI-SAN, THE SECOND DIRECTOR
THEN THE HEIR OF THE KARYUUKAN, SAKIHIKO-KUN
AND WHILE THE KARYUUKAN TEACHES MARTIAL ARTS
WE ALSO RUN AN INTELLIGENCE BUSINESS HERE IN KYOTO
AND LASTLY, ME, SHIZUKI RIN. WE DON'T BELONG TO ANY CLANS

IN THE END, YAHEI-SAN JOINED THE SHINSENGUMI
JUST THE OTHER DAY HE ASKED US TO KEEP AN EYE ON YAHEI-SAN WHO CAUSED A BIT OF TROUBLE FOR THE SATSUMA CLAN
THAT PERSON WAS NAKAMURA HANJIRO OF THE SATSUMA CLAN
HE COMES EVERY SO OFTEN
IF THERE WAS A SMALL FIGHT, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY SOMEONE TOOK THE CAT
IT MAY JUST BE A CAT... BUT BECAUSE IT WAS A GIFT FROM THE CLAN'S LEADER'S WIFE, IT'S A PRETTY BIG DEAL
I'M LEAVING THE CAT SEARCH IN YOUR HANDS
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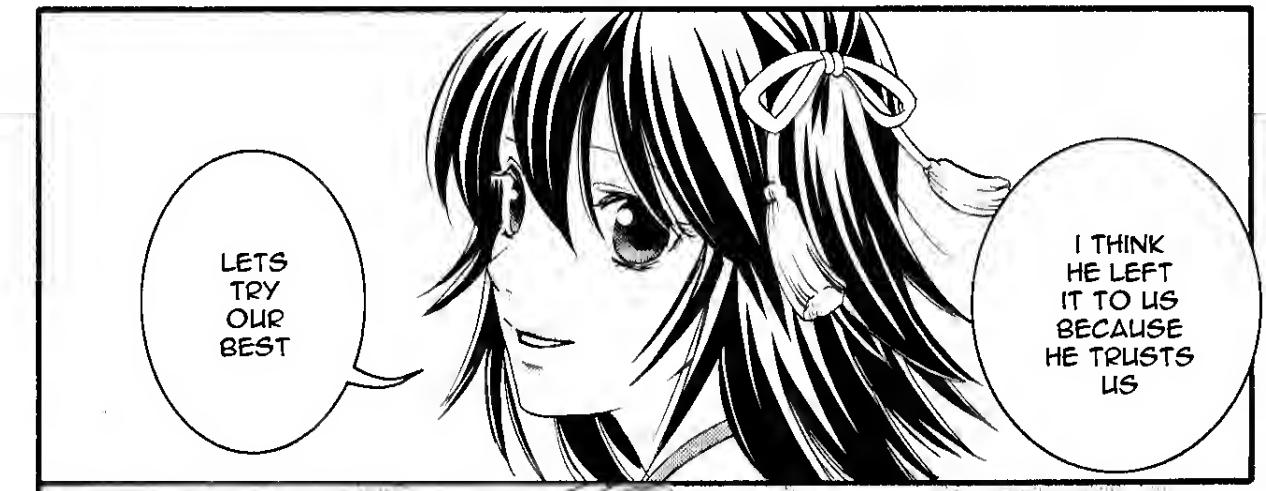
AH NOT FAIR
IORI-SAN PROBABLY GAVE US THE JOB DUE TO HIS DISLIKE OF SAMURAI
DON'T YOU THINK SO, RIN?
IORI-SAN'S NOT LIKE THAT
IT'S TRUE THAT HE DOESN'T THINK WELL OF SAMURAI BUT...


I THINK HE LEFT IT TO US BECAUSE HE TRUSTS US
LETS TRY OUR BEST

...YEAH

I DON'T MIND BUT... WITH VERY LITTLE INFORMATION, I DON'T KNOW HOW RELIABLE THE ANSWER WILL BE
I'M SURE YOU'RE NOT UP FOR IT BUT...
AH... HAJIME-SAN, COULD YOU READ A FORTUNE?
A PUREBRED CAT IS PRETTY RARE, BUT WHERE DO WE START?
ROLL
TOWARDS THE NORTH...
THE SMELL OF GUNPOWDER ...
GUNPOWDER!?

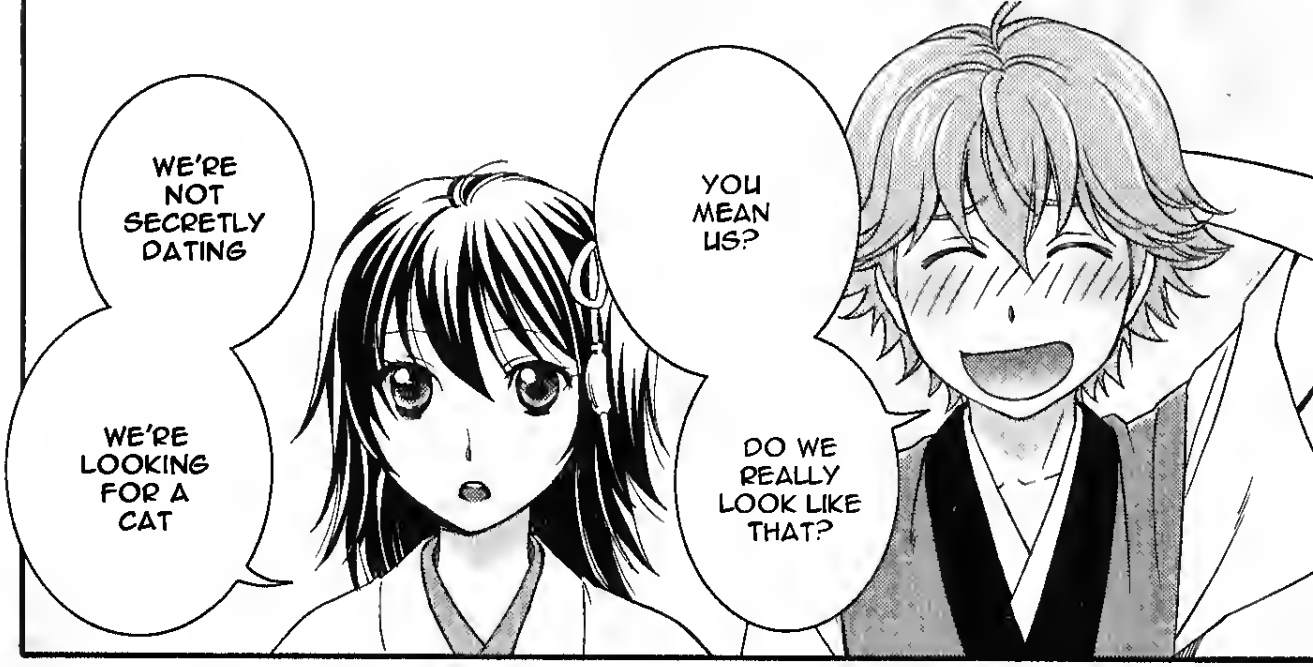
THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT... WAVES
OFFSHORE ...? THE SEA...?
IF IT'S THE NORTH, THEN MAYBE NISHINOKYOU? KINUGAWA MOUNTAIN?
BUT IF IT HAS TO DO WITH THE SEA, THEN MAYBE HE IS IN WAKASA
IT'S A CAT
THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING!
HE WAS PROBABLY CATNAPPED!
THAT "SMELL OF GUNPOWDER" DOESN'T SEEM GOOD...
LETS START WITH LEGWORK

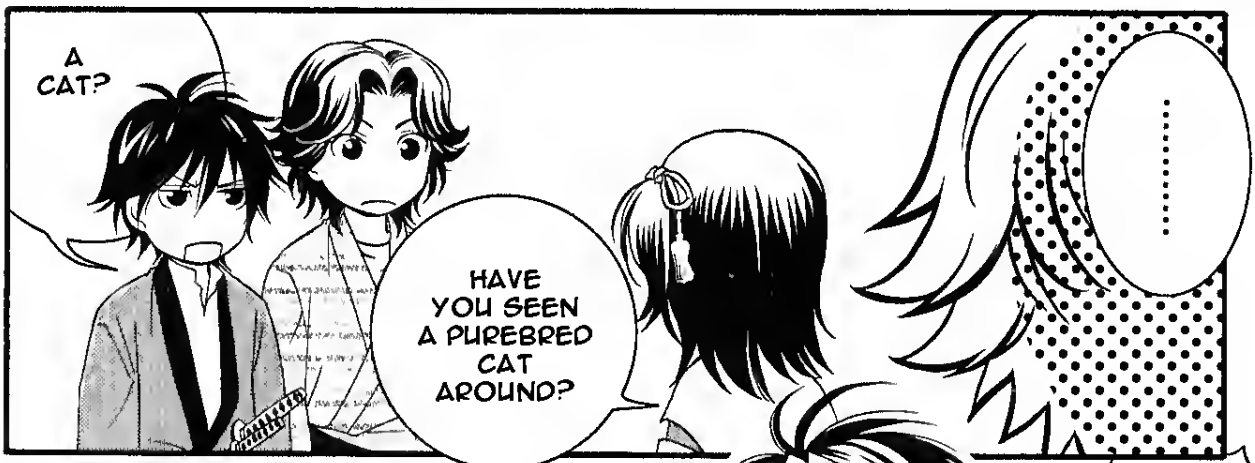
PULL
WHA...
THEN LETS SPLIT UP AND...
YOU'RE WITH ME RIN!
COME ON! SOUMA-SAN SAID SO TOO!
I'LL BE FINE ALONE, YOU TWO SHOULD WORK TOGETHER
IF THERE REALLY WERE A CONSPIRACY SCHEME, THEN IT'D BE TOO DANGEROUS FOR A GIRL ALONE

SAKIHIKO -KUN...
JUST A LITTLE BUT, PLEASE?
WE HAVE TO GO DO SOME LEGWORK AND...
WANNA GO EAT SOME ZENZAI* ON THE WAY? I WANT SOMETHING SWEET
WE'RE NOT HERE TO PLAY, WE HAVE TO LOOK FOR THE CAT

*ZENZAI IS A SWEET RED BEAN PASTE SOUP WITH MOCHI

*SAITANI-SAN SPEAKS IN A DIFFERENT DIALECT
YOU'RE FROM THE KARYUUKAN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
SAITANI-SAN AND MUTSU-SAN...
LONG TIME NO SEE!
SECRET DATE
JUST A LITTLE ZENZAI WOULDN'T HURT!
YOU GUYS MUST BE ON A DATE... A SECRET DATE


WE'RE NOT SECRETLY DATING
WE'RE LOOKING FOR A CAT
YOU MEAN US?
DO WE REALLY LOOK LIKE THAT?


A CAT?
HAVE YOU SEEN A PUREBRED CAT AROUND?
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WHA...!
IT'S A PERFECT JOB FOR YOU WHO HAS MUSCLES FOR BRAINS
SEARCHING FOR A KITTEN...
WHAT NONSENSE!

IT'S THE TIME TO USE OUR HEADS, NOT OUR BODIES
HAHAHA
UH..UM...
WHILE YOU ALL ARE BUSY LOOKING FOR A CAT
WE'RE BUSY TRYING TO CHANGE JAPAN!
UM... MUTSU-SAN
THEN HOW WOULD MUTSU-SAN SEARCH FOR A CAT?
IF IT WERE ME...
DON'T BOTHER, HE'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT
YOUNOSUKE -SAN HASN'T CHANGED A BIT

I WOULD USE PEOPLE, A LOT
QUANTITY OVER QUALITY, THOUGH IT WOULDN'T HURT TO HAVE SOME QUALITY
I WOULD GO SOMEWHERE I CAN EASILY GATHER INFORMATION, THEREFORE A PLACE WITH LOTS OF PEOPLE
THAT WAS A GOOD REFERENCE, AS EXPECTED FROM MUTSU-SAN
...A
ANYONE CAN THINK OF SOMETHING LIKE THAT IF THEY HAVE THE TIME
BUT I DIDN'T NEED MUCH TIME

SEARCHING FOR A CAT IS STUPID, BUT IF YOU NEED A HAND I DON'T MIND LENDING ONE
RIN-SAN...
YOU REALLY ARE LOOKING CLOSELY AT THE MATTER
YOU MADE YOUNOSUKE DO SOMETHING
YOU'RE VERY CALM
I CAN'T HELP BUT BE ATTRACTED TO A WOMAN WHO CAN WORK ALONGSIDE A MAN
I'M SURE YOU'D DO WELL WITH THE LADY IN THE SHINSENGUMI
A WOMAN...
IN THE SHINSENGUMI!?

SO THE RUMORS WERE TRUE
THAT THERE IS A TRUSTED FEMALE MEMBER OF THE SHINSENGUMI
YUP! THERE'S ONE LADY IN THE SHINSENGUMI
SHE'S GOT A STRONG HEART
THERE'S A WOMAN IN THE SHINSENGUMI WHO HAS A LARGE NUMBER OF AGGRESSORS
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF PERSON SHE IS
MAYBE SHE'S STRONG...
IF ONLY I COULD BE LIKE HER...

RIN,
YOU MUST
LIVE STRONG
I'VE BEEN HITTING ON HER, BUT SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE INTERESTED
HM? SOMETHING WRONG?
JUST NOW... I FEEL LIKE I ALMOST REMEMBERED THAT DREAM...
THAT'S ANOTHER GOOD THING ABOUT HER
NOTHING... SAITANI-SAN, I GUESS YOU LIKE THAT TYPE

SHE'S A GREAT LADY, AND SO ARE YOU
IT'D BE GREAT IF A LADY LIKE YOU COULD TAME YOUNOSUKE
UH... DO YOU MEAN...
IF I FELT LIKE IT I COULD FIND A CAT ANY DAY...
COULD YOU WATCH OUT FOR YOUNOSUKE FOR ME?
OF COURSE YOUR JOB IS TOP PRIORITY
SO EVEN IF IT'S JUST ONCE IN AWHILE

EVEN IF YOU TRIED
I BET YOU COULDN'T EVEN THINK OF THAT
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE ANYTHING DEEP, JUST AS FRIENDS
AS YOU CAN TELL, YOUNOSUKE DOESN'T HAVE VERY MANY FRIENDS HIS AGE
.....
FINDING LOST CATS ARE IMPORTANT JOBS, YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN YOU'LL MEET IMPORTANT PEOPLE
YOU SHOULD TRY YOUR BEST WITH THIS JOB FOR NOW
YES
OH SAITANI -SAN...

THE MALE PUREBREDS ARE RARE SO IT'LL BE EASY TO FIND!
REALLY?
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THEY'RE MOSTLY FEMALES
SO THE MALES ARE KNOWN AS A GOD THAT PROTECTS SHIPS

SAITANI-SAN, WE SHOULD GO NOW, ISHIKAWA-SAN'S WAITING!
PULL
OH? THAT TIME ALREADY...
LET'S GO!
WA-WAIT! I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO HELP US!

I CHANGED MY MIND!

WHAT WAS THAT!
WHILE RIN WAS TALKING TO SAITANI-SAN, HE WAS LECTURING ME ON HOW HE'D SEARCH FOR THE CAT
SORRY ABOUT THAT, I'LL STOP BY THE KARYUUKAN SOON

BUT... I THINK I GET WHAT HE'S FEELING
NO WONDER TATSUMI-SAN CALLS HIM A VASSAL
TO ANYONE ELSE...
THE FEELING THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOUR MASTER AND THE PERSON YOU ADMIRE

MUTSU-SAN'S SUGGESTION WAS GOOD
LETS SEARCH FOR A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE GATHER
DO YOU HAVE A PLACE IN MIND?
OH? SHIZUKI-SAN AND SAKIHIKO-KUN?
HELLO
GOING SOMEWHERE TOGETHER?

AH... MIKI-SAN
UM... IS OKOU-SAN DOING WELL?
UH UM... YES, BUT MIKI-SAN
WEREN'T YOU JUST AT OUR PLACE YESTERDAY TALKING TO OKOU-SAN?
AHAHAHA... SO WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?
A CAT SEARCH?
THAT'S WHY YOU TWO SEEMED LIKE YOU WERE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING
BUT... IF YOUR BELOVED CAT DISAPPEARED
I'M SURE THAT LITTLE GIRL IS SAD

I'M SORRY, BUT COULD YOU ASK AROUND IN THE SHINSENGUMI?
I SEE
SOMEONE MAY HAVE SEEN SOMETHING WHILE DOING ROUNDS
WHAT!?
COME, I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND
THEN I THINK
IT'S BETTER IF YOU ASKED THEM DIRECTLY

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WE HOPE YOU GUYS ENJOY THIS!
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